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## SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Trail Head Proposals-Markham Woods Road and Winter Miles	
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION: ENGINEERING	
AUTHORIZED BY: W. Gary Johnson, P.E., Director  CONTACT: Jerry McCollum, P.E. EXT. 5651  W. Gary Johnson, P.E., Director	
Agenda Date <u>06-08-04</u> Regular Consent Work Session Briefing Public Hearing – 1:30 Public Hearing – 7:00	
MOTION / RECOMMENDATION:	
Board approval for staff to proceed with activities for the design and construction of the proposed Trail Head at Markham Woods Road and the proposed Trail Head at Winter Miles.	
Districts 2 & 5; Commissioners Morris & McLain (Jerry McCollum, P.E.)	

## **BACKGROUND:**

Trail Head Proposal at Markham Woods Road and Long Pond Road

Pursuant to Board discussion during the Commission meeting of March 23, 2004, staff has confirmed with the property owner's attorney that the owner is willing to donate an approximate 2 acre site to the County for Trail Head purposes. The condition of this dedication is that the trail head would be named after the owner's father and a plaque or sign be installed. After a quick review of the site, it appears that approximately 20 parking stalls could be available and staff recommends that this be an unpaved trail head that blends into the natural vegetation. This concept is very similar to what the County constructed at the Flagler Trail Head on Snow Hill Road and construction costs would be approximately \$100,000. The design of the trail head would be performed by the Special Projects Team, which would include coordinating the preparation of the dedication documents for future Board action.

## Winter Miles Trail Head Proposal

As part of the overall development of the Winter Miles Park by the City of Oviedo, a portion of the facility will be dedicated to equestrian uses. At this time, the parking area for the equestrian facility is proposed for an unknown date in the future. However, the County working with the City of Oviedo and a developer adjacent to the Winter Miles facility has a unique opportunity to make the planned connector between the existing Flagler Trail and the Winter Miles Park. As part of this conceptual plan, an unpaved parking area for horse trailers, as well as the Flagler Trail connector would be built. The connector construction would cost approximately \$85,000 and the parking area for equestrian vehicles would cost approximately \$250,000. A key assumption for this proposal is that the permitting for the parking area would be done by the City of Oviedo via their consultant, and that the City's consultant would also provide the necessary design.

## **Budget Considerations**

The total estimated costs to provide trail heads at the above locations approach \$500,000. Needed funding could be transferred from balances available in the Flagler Trail Project account lines under the Trails Bond Fund. (This is the same funding which has been contemplated to be used on the previously proposed trail head at Interstate 4 and E. E. Williamson Road). It is recommended that both projects proceed in this fiscal year. The necessary budget transfers would be presented under the consent agenda for the Board action on July 13, 2004.